

*People v. Parwatikar*, No. 04PDJ064. July 22, 2004. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Deepak S. Parwatikar, attorney registration number 30404, from the practice of law in the State of Colorado, effective August 22, 2004, for a period of three years, two years stayed upon successful completion of a two-year period of probation. In this reciprocal discipline matter from California, Respondent was employed as general counsel for a nurse staffing company. Respondent started a competing business, which he did not disclose to his employer, and obtained trade secrets from his employer that he used in his own business. The employer filed suit alleging unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets, and other claims. Judgment was entered against Respondent for intentional interference with a prospective economic advantage, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and conversion. Respondent's conduct violated Colo. RPC 8.4(c)(dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), 1.6 (use of confidential information), and 1.7 (conflict of interest). He was ordered to pay the cost of the proceedings.